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REMARKS

In the July 3, 2006, Supplemental Advisory Office Action, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Office") maintained its rejections of Claims 1-8, 10-12, 21-24, 37-43, and 45-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,252,589 ("Retting"). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Retting, and further in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 6,807,558 ("Hassett"). Claims 13-20, 25-36, and 47-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Retting, and further in view of the teachings of UNIX system.

Without admitting to the propriety of the rejections, applicants have amended Claims 9, 13, 25, 28, 44, and 47 to clarify the claimed invention and to bring forth what was inherent in those claims. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 21-24, 29, 31-32, 37-43, and 45-46 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. These amendments were made based on the telephonic interview held with the Office on Friday, October 27, 2006, during which concerns of the Office were discussed.

Given these clarifying amendments, the Office cannot establish either a *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness, and the rejections should be withdrawn. Independent Claims 9, 13, 25, 28, and 44 are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Claims 14-20, 26-27, 30, 34-36, and 47-48 are allowable because they depend from allowable independent claims and because of the additional limitations added by those claims.

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Consequently, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9, 13-20, 25-28, 30, 34-36, 44, and 47-48 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

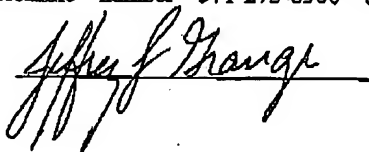
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